

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend paragraph [0029], as follows:

As can be seen, the retarder 2 is arranged directly in the coolant circuit and can be bypassed by way of the bypass section 4. Arranged in the flow direction upstream of the retarder 2 is a switching or reversing valve 3 for controlling the flow--either through the retarder 2 or through the bypass 4.

Please add the paragraph below after paragraph [0039], as follows:

The coolant outlet of the coolant pump to the central ring of the retarder may have a first flow resistance that is measured when the retarder is connected to the coolant circuit and may be between 5% to 30% lower than a second flow resistance to be overcome by the coolant pump when the retarder is disconnected from the coolant circuit.

Please amend paragraph [0046] of the specification, as follows:

FIG. 6 shows a retarder inlet region that is advantageously designed in terms of a low-resistance flow into the region of the central ring 2.1 of the retarder. Shown here is a partial region of the stator 2.2 of the retarder 2 in a plane-projected depiction.